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SUBJECT: POLISARIO ATTACKS POST NEAR FORMER SPANISH SAHARA-
MAURITANIAN BORDER

1. WELL-INFORMED MAURITANIAN BUSINESSMAN WHO HAS FAMIL-
IES WITH SAHARANS TOLD EMBOFF OCT. 7 THAT POLISARIO ATTACHED
AND BRIEFLY HELD VILLAGE OF TICHLA (21 36N AND 14 58W) ON MONDAY. TIC
HLA IS LOCATED INSIDE FORMER JYUUSH SAHARA JUST NORTH OF
IRON ORE RAILROAD AND PREVIOUS BORDER WITH MAURITANIA. VILLAGE
HAS POPULATION OF ABOUT 500.

2. ALTHOUGH BUSINESS MAN DID NOT KNOW STRENGTH OF POLISARIO
FORCE, HE COMMENTED THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF LOCAL RESIDENTS
WERE KIDNAPPED. ATTACK TOOK PLACE DURING SANDSTORM WHICH HAS
BEEN RAGING THROUGHOUT ALL OF NORTHERN MAURITANIA DURING
PAST 24 HOURS. GIRM PATROL PLANES WERE UNABLE TO PURSUE ATTACK
FORCE.

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